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**Dahir bearing [Law n ° 1-75-292](#) of 5 chaoual 1397 (September 19, 1977) enacting measures to ensure domestic animals against contagious diseases**

([BO n ° 3388](#) of 05/10/1977, [BO n ° 3500](#) of 28/11/1979, [BO n ° 4482](#) of 15/05/1997, [BO n ° 4970](#) of 17/01/2002 and [BO n ° 5400](#) of 2/03/2006)

Having regard to the [Constitution](#), in particular Article 102 thereof,

**Decided the following:**

**Article 1**

(amended and supplemented by Law No. 7-79, Law No. 25-96, Law No. 46-01 and Law No. 06-05)

Contagious diseases, or deemed to be such, giving rise to the declaration and application of veterinary animal health measures, are:

- Rabies<sup>1</sup> in all species;
- Foot-and-mouth disease<sup>2</sup> in bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine and camelid species;
- Tuberculosis<sup>3</sup> in the bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine, camelid, canine and in birds;
- Paratuberculosis in bovine, ovine and caprine species;
- Brucellosis<sup>4</sup> in bovine, ovine, caprine and camelid species;
- Anthrax in bovine, ovine, caprine, swine, camel and in equines;
- Rinderpest;
- Infectious rhinotracheitis and infectious pustular vulvovaginitis (IBR / IPV) in bovine species;
- Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia;
- Enzootic bovine leucosis;
- Lumpy skin disease contagious;
- Rift Valley fever;
- Bovine spongiform encephalopathy<sup>6</sup>;
- Trichomoniasis and vibriosis in the bovine species;

<sup>1</sup> Order No. 2271-13 of November 21, 2013, on complementary and special measures to combat [animal rabies](#)

<sup>2</sup> Order No. 3366-13 of November 26, 2013, on additional and special measures to combat [foot-and-mouth disease](#)

<sup>3</sup> Order No. 837-13 of March 8, 2013, on supplementary and special measures to combat [bovine tuberculosis](#)

<sup>4</sup> Order No. 835-13 of November 21, 2013, on complementary and special measures for the control of [bovine brucellosis](#)

<sup>5</sup> Order No. 956-16 of April 4, 2016, on complementary and special measures for the control of [ovine and caprine brucellosis](#)

<sup>6</sup> Order No. 2015-01 of November 5, 2001, on complementary and special measures for the control of [BSE](#)

- Symptomatic anthrax in the bovine species;
- Peste des petits ruminants<sup>7</sup>;
- Sheep pox<sup>8</sup> and goat pox;
- Bluetongue<sup>9</sup> of sheep;
- Maedi-visna in the sheep species;
- Viral arthritis-encephalitis caprine;
- Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia;
- Scrapie in the sheep species;
- Glanders<sup>10</sup>, dourine<sup>11</sup>, African horse sickness<sup>12</sup>, Venezuelan encephalomyelitis, East and West encephalitis, West Nile encephalitis, Japanese encephalitis, infectious anemia, contagious metritis, epizootic lymphangitis<sup>13</sup>, vesicular stomatitis and arteritis viral infection in equines;
- Smallpox and trypanosomiasis in the camelid species;
- Pseudorabies, red mullet<sup>14</sup>, classical and African fever, pasteurellosis, salmonellosis, enzootic encephalomyelitis and vesicular disease in the swine species<sup>15</sup>;
- [Avian influenza](#)<sup>16,17</sup>, Newcastle disease, Gumboro disease, Marek's disease, pullorum disease (SPG), avian salmonellosis (Salmonella enteritidis and Salmonella typhimurium) and infectious bronchitis in poultry;
- Psittacosis-ornithosis in all bird species;
- Tularemia<sup>18</sup> and myxomatosis<sup>19</sup> in all species of domestic and wild rodents;
- Viral Hemorrhagic Disease of the rabbit;
- American foulbrood, European foulbrood, nosemosis, acariosis and varroasis of bees<sup>20,21</sup>;
- Leptospirosis in domestic and wild canines, in equines, in pigs and rodents;
- Toxoplasmosis in all animal species;
- Leishmaniasis in domestic and wild carnivores;
- Cochliomyia hominivorax myiasis in all species;
- Leishmaniasis in domestic and wild carnivores;
- Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis, infectious haematopoietic necrosis, masou salmon herpesvirus, spring viremia of carp and viral hemorrhagic septicemia, infectious salmon anemia, infectious pancreatic necrosis, corynebacteriosis, furunculosis, yersiniosis or redmouth disease, gyrodactylosis in fish<sup>22</sup>;

<sup>7</sup> Order No. 1404-08 of August 1, 2008, enacting additional and special measures to combat [peste des petits ruminants](#)

<sup>8</sup> Order No. 2019-01 of November 5, 2001, on complementary and special measures to control [sheep pox](#)

<sup>9</sup> Order No. 2018-01 of November 5, 2001, on complementary and special measures for the control of [bluetongue](#)

<sup>10</sup> Vizierial Decree of February 26, 1916, prescribing the special measures to be taken against [glanders](#)

<sup>11</sup> Vizierial Decree of November 18, 1916, prescribing the measures to be taken against [dourine](#)

<sup>12</sup> Order No. 1397-14 of April 22, 2014, on complementary and special measures to combat [African horse sickness](#)

<sup>13</sup> Vizierial Decree of February 26, 1916, prescribing the special measures to be taken against [epizootic lymphangitis](#)

<sup>14</sup> Vizierial Decree of March 12, 1949, prescribing the measures to be taken against [pork mullet](#)

<sup>15</sup> Order No. 1115-72 of December 9, 1972, prescribing measures to be taken against [swine diseases](#)

<sup>16</sup> Order No. 1044-06 of May 10, 2006, on complementary and Special Measures to Combat [Avian Influenza](#)

<sup>17</sup> Order No. 2466-17 of September 26, 2017, on complementary and special measures to combat [highly pathogenic avian influenza \(avian plague\)](#)

<sup>18</sup> Order No. 1049-60 of December 13, 1960, prescribing the measures to be taken against [tularemia](#)

<sup>19</sup> Order No. 1050-60 of December 13, 1960, prescribing the measures to be taken against the [myxomatosis of rodents](#)

<sup>20</sup> Order No. 1612-89 of September 20, 1989, enacting the measures to be taken to control the [varroasis of bees](#)

<sup>21</sup> Vizierial Decree of January 5, 1934, prescribing measures to be taken against [contagious diseases of bees](#)

- Bonamiosis, haplosporidiosis, marteiliosis, mikrocytosis and perkinsosis in molluscs<sup>23</sup>;
- Taura syndrome, cockroach disease, yellow head disease and plague of crayfish in crustaceans.

## **Article 2**

Veterinary inspectors, heads of provincial or prefectural livestock services, veterinary inspectors of municipal slaughterhouses are responsible for the veterinary health including: feed inspection, animal inspection and animal remains in farms, agglomerations, fairs, markets, slaughterhouses, premises for the sale of meat and animal or animal products, ports and airports, customs posts open for import and export, closed rendering.

## **Article 3**

Any owner, any person having, in any capacity whatsoever, the charge of the care or the keeping an animal suffering from or suspected of having one of the diseases listed in Article 1 is obliged to make the declaration immediately to the administrative authority of the locality where is the animal is located. Also required to make this declaration are all veterinarians called to visit the animal, alive or dead.

## **Article 4**

The authority to which the declaration has been made shall be without delay and obligatorily in concert with the veterinary inspector, head of the provincial or prefectural services of animal husbandry, the emergency measures recognized as necessary, such as isolation and sequestration of infected or suspected animals, the marking of all or part of the animals, burial of corpses, disinfection of premises and equipment; possibly, treatments or vaccinations of interest, or only affected farms, ie all the holdings within a given perimeter around the hearth, may be prescribed and practiced by means of products the use of which is authorized by the Ministry responsible for agriculture or the person delegated by him for that purpose.

## **Article 5**

Complementary and special measures for each of the diseases listed in Article 1 may be taken by order of the Minister of Agriculture on the proposal of the Director of Animal Husbandry.

## **Article 6**

The order referred to in the preceding article may prescribe slaughter operations relating to affected, suspect or contaminated animals, or on all farm animals belonging to certain species, even on surrounding farm animals, as well as operations of destruction of equipment, manure, various objects.

## **Article 7**

Compensation for slaughter of animals or for epizootic disease may be granted by the Minister of Agriculture.

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<sup>22</sup> Order No. 1899-13 of November 25, 2013, on complementary and special measures to control diseases of [aquaculture fish](#)

<sup>23</sup> Order No. 2272-13 of November 21, 2013, on complementary and special measures to control [marine mollusc diseases](#)

## **Article 8**

Offenses against the provisions of this dahir are recognized by the veterinary inspectors as well as by any judicial police officer, by the technical assistants and the technical agents of animal husbandry, who will be sworn in for this purpose.

## **Article 9**

These offenses will be punished by imprisonment of 6 days to 2 months and a fine of 200 to 6,000 dirhams or one of these two sentences only.

## **Article 10**

Are punished with imprisonment of two months to six months and a fine of 200 to 6,000 dirhams;

- Those who, without permission of the authority, have unearthed or knowingly purchased corpses or remains of animals that died of contagious diseases, whatever they may be, or slaughtered as suffering from rinderpest, anthrax or symptomatic anthrax, glanders, rabies, foot-and-mouth disease, swine fever, and any diseases listed will be determined by order of the Minister of Agriculture;
- Those who have imported, sold, or offered for sale animals that they knew reached one of the contagious diseases stipulated in Article 1.

## **Article 11**

Is repealed:

The Dahir of 19 Chaabane 1332 (July 13, 1914) enacting measures to guarantee the animals against contagious diseases, as amended or supplemented.

The texts adopted for the application of the aforesaid dahir of 19 chaabane 1332 remain in force (July 13, 1914), with the exception of:

- The vizierial decree of 28 kaada 1349 (April 17, 1931) enacting measures for the protection of the ovine species against oesophagostomiasis,
- The Vizierial Decree of 18 July II 1360 (July 14, 1941) prescribing the measures to be taken against pneumoenteritis in swine;
- Decree No. 2-57-61 of 18 rejeb 1376 (18 February 1957) giving delegation to the Minister of agriculture to enact measures to guarantee domestic animals against contagious diseases.

**Article 12:** The present dahir law will be published in the Official Bulletin.

**Done at Rabat, the 5th chaoual 1397 (19 September 1977).**

*For countersigning: Prime Minister Ahmed Osman*